

U.S. GUNS ARE PEER OF ANY, SAYS HANSON

Ordnance Expert Lauds
Browning Machine Gun
Before Senate.

First Browning Model Was Not Enemy-Proof

One delay in making the Browning machine gun for the American army was because the first model was not "enemy-proof." It had a faulty ejection, which threw the used shells into an arc in the air. The stream of the brass shells caught the sunlight and betrayed the presence of the gun to snipers.

American rifles and ammunition are equal to the German equipment, they are better than the French and from 40 to 50 per cent better than the British.

This was the opinion of M. W. Hanson, vice president of the Colt factory, in his testimony yesterday before the Senate Military Committee in the War Department investigation.

The ordnance expert was just as enthusiastic over the new Browning machine-gun now being manufactured for our army. His factory is making these guns, but nevertheless, he said: "American manufacturers have received practically no encouragement from the United States government."

During his statement, Mr. Hanson said that before the declaration of war, Gen. Crozier, chief of ordnance, and Col. Rice and Maj. McFarland, of that division, all went to the Colt factory to ask about preparations. This is one of the first pieces of testimony during the hearing that has shown such indication by the ordnance officers.

Three Kinds of Guns. It was brought out that since September, three kinds of machine-guns—Lewis, Colt and Chuchat—have been ordered sent to cantonments for training work.

"Do you think handling these guns which are all different from the Browning will aid the soldiers?" asked Senator Wadsworth.

"Only that it will familiarize the men generally with machinery," replied Mr. Hanson.

"Besides, the guns have merely been ordered sent to the cantonments; there were some in camp in November that had never even seen a gun," added Senator Wadsworth.

Frank H. Colvin, editor of the American Machinist, differed about the merits of the government arsenal at Springfield. Colvin said it was a place where men were idle and played checkers, and was not up to date. Hanson said it was as efficient as any government arsenal in the world, except perhaps in Germany.

The inquiry was rather devoid of features today. But it will open up in earnest tomorrow when Quartermaster Gen. Henry G. Sharpe is scheduled to take the stand.

THE TOWN CRIER

A Christmas entertainment will be given by the Wilson Normal School community association tonight at 8 o'clock at the school, with soldiers as guests of the association. The entertainment will be under the direction of E. E. Muth, chairman of the recreation committee, and a real Christmas tree and Santa Claus will be present for the children. Donations of cast-off clothing for the poor will be received at the school.

With W. C. Stump in the role of "Santa Claus," the employees of the Forest Service will hold their annual Christmas celebration on the ground floor of their offices, 500 F street northwest, tomorrow.

A reunion of the Central High School alumni will be held in the new Central High School Building on December 25. Henry C. Culbertson, former president of the Emporia, Kans., College, will deliver an address.

A special entertainment and smoker for soldiers will be held Saturday night at the Y. M. H. A. recreation rooms, 1247 Pennsylvania avenue northwest.

"World Peace" will be debated by the Samuel F. Miller Debating Society in the National University Law School Saturday evening.

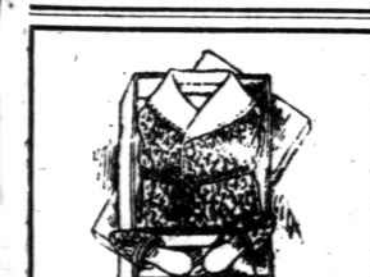
Georgetown University students who live too far away from Washington to spend the Christmas period at home will be given an "old-fashioned Christmas dinner," with all the trimmings, at Ryan Hall on Christmas Day.

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GIRL STUDENTS MAKE RED CROSS SUPPLIES

Girl students at George Washington University are making pajamas, bedshirts and comfort bags for the Red Cross. The work is under direction of the University Red Cross Club in the Arts and Sciences Department, a rapidly growing membership. The club expects to purchase a sewing machine within a week or two.

Regular meetings are being held in the rooms of the Woman's University Club in the arts and sciences department annex, 202 G street northwest. The sewing work is but one phase of the Red Cross aid being rendered by students of the university. Some of the girls are enrolled as Red Cross ambulance drivers. The students have contributed generously toward the wartime fund being raised by the Red Cross.

JOHN HARLOW PASSES AWAY IN ALEXANDRIA

Retired Grocer Was 78 Years of
Age—Wife Survives.

THE HERALD BUREAU,
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John Harlow, 78 years old, a retired grocer, died at 1:15 o'clock this afternoon after a long illness at his home, 202 North Royal street. Mr. Harlow several years ago received a stroke of paralysis and for the past eight months had been confined to his home.

The deceased was born December 24, 1838, and settled in this city in early life. In 1860 he engaged in the grocery business with his brothers, M. B. and the late George H. Harlow. Seventeen years ago he retired from active participation in business affairs. For many years the deceased was a member of the old Alexandria board of fire wardens.

Mr. Harlow is survived by his wife and six children as follows: Mrs. M. P. Green and Mrs. R. J. Hartigan, Washington; Miss Mary V. Harlow, this city; George A. Harlow, this city; John M. Harlow, Washington; Edward A. Harlow, this city. Surviving him are also two sisters, Mrs. P. J. Roche and Miss Mary Harlow, Washington and a brother, M. B. Harlow, Washington.

His funeral will take place at 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning from St. Mary's Catholic Church. Burial will be made in St. Mary's Cemetery.

In the Corporation Court today six decrees in connection with the transfer of certain parcels of land, which will be used by the American Shipbuilding Corporation, a subsidiary of the United States Steamship Company, for building twelve steel ships, were placed on record. Three of the decrees were entered in the Circuit Court, Judge J. B. T. Thornton presiding and three in the Corporation Court, Judge L. C. Barley presiding.

The decrees entered are for the sale of the Marine Railway and Coal Company's plant, better known as Agnew's shipyard, at the foot of Franklin street, to Stuart G. Gibbons, of New York, general counsel for the United States Steamship Company, for the sum of \$38,500, and another decree in the Corporation Court is for the sale of the Harlow-Agnew interests in the reclaimed land and land abutting to C. W. Morse, of New York, for the sum of \$18,000.

Attorney James R. Caton is now engaged in preparing the deeds for either property on which options have been obtained, which property also will be used by the shipbuilding company. Within the next few days deeds of transfer will be placed on record.

Officers chosen by Local Union No. 1058, Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers are as follows: Taylor Rudd, president; James H. Quayle, vice president; James S. Deaton, recording secretary; Elias Hall, financial secretary; Frank W. Deaton, preceptor and treasurer; A. Warren, conductor; James H. Williams, warden.

1,800 Slaves Released. Jassy, Rumania, Dec. 15 (delayed).—Eighteen hundred Slaves who had been interned in Rumania since the beginning of the war have been released by the Rumanian government. Their release was secured through the efforts of Charles J. Vopika, the American Minister.

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HALF MILLION XMAS SAVINGS PAID IN D. C.

Twenty-two Thousand Persons
Share in Big Annual
Distribution.

Washingtonians received more than a half million dollars from local banks in Christmas savings funds during the last week.

More than twenty-two thousand persons shared in the distribution. To get down to exact figures, \$640,000 was paid out: The Security Savings and Commercial Bank led the list with \$261,000. The Franklin National followed closely with \$259,000. These two banks paid off more than 15,000 Christmas savers.

Georgetown Christmas savers, 2,500 strong, received more than \$80,000 from the Potomac Savings Bank. The Northeast Savings Bank, the East Washington Savings Bank, and a few others totalled more than \$40,000. More than 5,000 persons were paid off by these banks.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS," SAYS MR. THURSTON

Superintendent of Schools Addresses
Circular to Teachers.

Ernest L. Thurston yesterday issued a Christmas and New Year's greeting to all the teachers in the District schools. The greeting is in a circular letter, saying:

"I extend to each and all of you my heartiest good wishes for the Christmas season and for a New Year in which your most earnest hopes may be fulfilled. May the Christmas spirit which makes the world glow with human love and brotherhood come to you all with deeper and fuller meaning in these days of stress. May we see with the clearer vision the season brings, the great purpose, the far-reaching opportunities, the tremendous responsibilities which are ours in so shaping the young lives of the nation, that no matter through what trials we may pass, these shall be preserved for the years to come a capable and worthy young citizenry, sound in character, trained in mind and hand, loyal to the highest ideals of our beloved America."

He instructs the teachers to extend to "every one" of their charges in the schools the heartiest wishes of the season for him, and expresses the hope that this "brief vacation" will bring the rest and relaxation instructors so well deserve.



Dr. Ferdinand King, a New York City Physician and Medical Author, says: "There can be no strong, vigorous, rosy-cheeked women without iron—Nuxated Iron taken three times per day after meals will increase the strength and endurance of weak, nervous, run-down folks 100 per cent in two weeks' time in many instances. Avoid the old forms of metallic iron which may injure the teeth, corrode the stomach, and thereby do more harm than good. Take only organic iron—Nuxated Iron—it is dispensed in this city by Jas. O'Donnell's Drug Stores, People's Drug Stores and all good druggists."

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Nobody need let the high cost of postage deter him from remembering his friends this Christmas with a healthy and elaborate Christmas card because you can send 'em for 1 cent, just as in the old days. You've got to put them in an envelope, and if the envelope costs a cent, you'll be out 2 cents anyway, but then a card looks better in an envelope, and you'll get your money's worth. It costs 2 cents to send a card, but once it gets hidden in an envelope, it becomes third-class matter and can go for 1 cent for 2 ounces, according to a recent ruling of the Postoffice Department.

You mustn't write anything on the card, but if you look around a bit you can find one with just what you wanted to say, anyhow. It is permissible to merely sign the name of the sender.

"ALMIGHTY DOLLAR" ACTS LIKE TWO BITS

See How Far It Will Go Now Compared to 1907.

In order to prove that it takes more dollars to keep going these days than it used to figures have been compiled by experts of the Bureau of Labor at the request of local policemen, who hope that cold statistics will bear out their contention that increased pay is necessary in order to keep pace with the ever-soaring high cost of living.

In July, 1907, according to the figures, you could get 2.2 pounds of perfectly good sirloin steak for \$1, whereas in November, 1917, only 2.8 pounds was handed you in exchange for you, dollar.

The dollar is equally as weak when it comes to butter, the figures showing that 2.1 pounds was a dollar's worth in July, 1907, and 1.9 pounds in November, 1917.

Corn meal has soared, too, from 4.5 pounds to a dollar in July, 1907, to 14.5 pounds in November, 1917. Other foodstuffs also have gone up in leaps and bounds, just as the dollar has gone down and down until now it looks about like a two-bit piece did ten years ago.

SEEK WILSON'S AID IN HOUSING WORK

Following a recent announcement that the District Council of Defense would not receive the amount necessary to establish a central room registry bureau for the relief of the housing problem here, an appeal was presented to President Wilson requesting him to set aside a sum from the \$100,000,000 emergency fund to establish such a bureau.

The funds to conduct such a registration bureau were promised to the local Council of Defense by the National Council, but it was later found that the latter had no authority to grant such an amount.



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